

--- **7 POUNDS** overprint on 2½ Pounds - 89 x 26 mm. ---

In 1949, BABN overprinted **RM-400**, the unused 2½ pound *fine roulette* with a central dark blue Gothic 6½ mm. inscription **7 POUNDS** plus four 6½ mm. dark blue *corner-killing* squares ■ as **RM-407**.

The copy illustrated below was coded **1-5M / BBD** by Imperial Tobacco, St. John's, Newfoundland, in November 1949. The control numbers probably match the 2½ pound sequence, although they may have begun a new seven pound denomination sequence.

It just seems odd that the control number is recorded at **0335687**, while the unsurcharged 2½ pound denomination has not been discovered in used condition. It is unlikely that so many seven pound packages could have been sold in Newfoundland, while **RM-400** remains so elusive. Was there actual usage of the 2½ pound stamp prior to this overprinting?



★ **M-496 - 7 POUNDS** on 2½ pounds, black, *fine roulette*, control number **0335687**, coded **1-5M / BBD** by Imperial Tobacco, St. John's, Newfoundland, in November 1949

0335687 ★	11/49	M-496/493	7 POUNDS on 2½ pounds, fine roulette, coded 1-5M / BBD
0343631 ★	12/49	M-496/493	7 POUNDS on 2½ pounds, fine roulette, coded 1-5M / CBD

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